

**The Church of St. Luke
and The Epiphany**

125th Anniversary Memorial



**330 South Thirteenth Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**



"YE MUST BE BORN AGAIN"

To the Glory of God and in memory of
Charles George Currie, D.D.
for fifteen years Rector of St. Luke's Church

NOVEMBER PROGRAM FROM ALTAR, CHANCEL
AND PULPIT

1 November, All Saints' Day

9:00 A. M., HOLY COMMUNION.

The Collect, Epistle and Gospel pp. 256-257 of the Prayer Book.

11:00 A. M., HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON.

Hymns: 126, 321, 196, 584

Communion Chants: 709, 711, 712

Sermon: "Greatness and Goodness Make Glorious God's Grace"

The Rector

Anthem: "Souls of the Righteous"

Noble

8 November, Twenty-fourth Sunday after Trinity.

9:00 A. M., HOLY COMMUNION.

The Collect, Epistle and Gospel pp. 223-224 of the Prayer Book.

11:00 A. M., MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON.

Hymns: 434, 528, 537 *Psalm 20*

Venite *Chant 18*

Benedictus es *Cox*

Jubilate Deo *Chant 642*

Sermon: "The Christ of the New Birth" *The Rector*

Anthem: "I Sought the Lord" *Stevenson*

15 November, Twenty-fifth Sunday after Trinity.

9:00 A. M., HOLY COMMUNION.

The Collect, Epistle and Gospel pp. 117-118 of the Prayer Book.

11:00 A. M., MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON.

Hymns: 396, 563, 487 *Psalm 75*

Venite *Chant 30*

Benedictus es *Willan*

Benedictus *Chant 113*

Sermon: "The Christ of Our Daily Road" *The Rector*

Anthem: "O Lord Most Holy" *Cesar Franck*

22 November, Sunday next before Advent.

9:00 A. M., HOLY COMMUNION.

The Collect, Epistle and Gospel pp. 225-226 of the Prayer Book.

11:00 A. M., MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON.

Hymns: 137, 140, 141 *Psalm 39*

Venite *Chant 20*

Benedictus es *Bawden*

Benedictus *Chant 111*

Sermon: "The Christ of the Healing Waters" *The Rector*

Anthem: "Salvation Honour, Glory" *Emery*

26 November, Thanksgiving Day.

10:00 A. M., HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON.

Hymns: 137, 140, 202, 141

Communion Chants: 709, 711, 712

Sermon: "Beyond Thanksgiving" *The Rector*

Anthem: "Thanks to the Lord" *Whitehead*

29 November, First Sunday in Advent.

9:00 A. M., HOLY COMMUNION.

The Collect, Epistle and Gospel pp. 90-92 of the Prayer Book.

11:00 A. M., MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON.

Hymns: 1, 544, 5 *Psalm 50*

Venite *Chant 22*

Benedic Omnia Opera *Stokowski*

Jubilate Deo *Chant 642*

Sermon: "The Christ of the Locked Door" *The Rector*

Anthem: "Prepare Ye The Way" *Knox*

ANNIVERSARY YEAR

By Frederick R. Isacksen, Rector

St. Luke—125th year

Epiphany—130th year

United in 1898 to become
The Church of St. Luke and The Epiphany

Anniversaries are opportunities. They, like Janus, the two-faced god of ancient Rome, look in two directions. We look back with remembrance and thanksgiving; we look forward with imagination and anticipation.

The fabric of a parish is woven of many strands, and only the finished product portrays a total picture. In this sense no parish is complete, for day by day, year by year, the picture changes. The loom shuttles back and forth, adding new faces and new events as time and circumstances may dictate.

But certain elements remain constant. Usually the buildings endure from generation to generation. The traditions of a parish are also preserved—the ways to which we are accustomed and which we desire to perpetuate. Memories remain, like a “River of Years”, to hallow and to bless. Our richest possessions are the people, who through days gone by have worshipped and served our church with love and loyalty.

It is to these faithful and devoted people, those who rest with the saints in the heavenlies, and those who now serve in the Church Militant, that we turn our thoughts and sing a “Te Deum” of praise. With grateful hearts we humbly say, “Our deepest thanks to you. Accept our love and thanksgiving as a small measure of our appreciation of you and yours.”

It is only as God has blessed us that we come to this very hour. To Him must our hearts go out in adoration and worship. This is His House; we are His children. By Baptism we are members of His Church, heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ. What blessing He has poured upon us! Words cannot express our gratitude to Him, but deeds may help.

Our response to God's Love must ever be increased devotion and a deeper willingness to obey Him. So may our Anniversary be a Dedication. Let us rise up, each of us, and affirm anew our Baptismal vows, our Confirmation Commitment, to follow our Lord Jesus Christ to the end, that His Kingdom may come, His will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven.



“ROAD TO EMMAUS”

To the Glory of God and in memory of
John Kearsley Mitchell, M.D. and
Sarah Matilda his wife and their children

A BRIEF HISTORY

By Charles Robert Ritchie

Near the north entrance to St. Luke and the Epiphany, fastened to a wall, is a recently dedicated plaque, declaring the church a historical site. This plaque indicates not only recognition by the Philadelphia Historical Commission of the architectural value of the Church, but more importantly it is a tribute to the proud role St. Luke and the Epiphany has played as a community servant and as a place of worship for countless thousands of Philadelphians for over a century.

It would not be unfair to describe St. Luke and the Epiphany as a "miniature" of church history in center city Philadelphia. Distinguished communicants from all walks of life—many of them of city, state and national prominence—have worshipped within its walls for generations.

The list of rectors who have graced the pulpit of St. Luke's reads like a *Who's Who* of the Protestant Episcopal clergy: Dr. George Kingsolving, bishop of Texas; Dr. M. A. DeWolfe Howe, bishop of Harrisburg; Dr. Joseph Fort Newton, whose writings and sermons were widely respected and reached a readership of thousands; the late, beloved Dr. Walter M. Haushalter, whose writings achieved national acclaim.

St. Luke and the Epiphany began originally as two separate churches. The present church, a union of two churches, was formally organized in 1897-8.

The Church of the Epiphany, the older of the two and razed when merged with St. Luke, was founded in 1834. St. Luke, erected by the architect Thomas S. Stewart, was organized in 1839 and opened in 1840. Dr. Stephen H. Tyng, an outspoken opponent of slavery, was Epiphany's first rector. Rev. William W. Spear was St. Luke's first rector.

At the beginning of the Civil War, under the ministry of Dr. Richard Newton, kinsman of the later rector Joseph Fort Newton, a secret conference of great historical importance was held in the church. At the conference churchmen of North and South met and agreed to preserve the unity of the Episcopal Church during the war years.

For more than a century, St. Luke and the Epiphany has remained a steadfast neighbor in a changing environment. Baccalaureate services for the Jefferson Memorial Hospital have been held there. The church has extended use of its facilities for such groups as the Cerebral Palsy Group, the Spruce Street Improvement Association, Work for the Blind, the Taylor School, and the Pennsylvania School of Nursing.

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY (Founded, 1834)

15th and Chestnut Streets

- 1835—Rev. Stephen H. Tyng, D.D.
- 1842—Rev. Peter Van Pelt (officer)
- 1844—Rev. Stephen H. Tyng, D.D.
- 1846—Rev. James H. Fowles
- 1859—Rev. J. W. Cracraft
- 1862—Rev. Richard Newton, D.D.
- 1882—Rev. George H. Kinsolving
- 1893—Rev. Thomas A. Tidball, D.D.

CHURCH OF ST. LUKE (Founded, 1839)

- 1841—Rev. William W. Spear
- 1847—Rev. M. A. DeWolfe Howe, D.D.
- 1864—Rev. William H. Hare (officer)
- 1873—Rev. George C. Currie
- 1888—Rev. Leverett Bradley

CHURCH OF ST. LUKE AND THE EPIPHANY (Merged, 1897-98)

- 1898—Rev. Thomas A. Tidball, D.D.
- 1904—Rev. David McC. Steele
- 1934—Rev. Thomas L. Harris
- 1938—Rev. Joseph Fort Newton, D.D.
- 1950—Rev. Walter M. Haushalter, LL.D.
- 1963—Rev. Frederick R. Isaksen



"POOL OF BETHESDA"

To the Glory of God and in memory of
Louisa Brooks Winsor Furnass

IN DIOCESE AND PARISH

Greetings From the Rector's Warden—On behalf of the Vestry of the Church of St. Luke and The Epiphany, I wish to express our love and sincere appreciation to The Reverend Frederick R. Isacksen for the faithful way he has conducted our services, and all associated activities. His leadership, love and devotion are a momentous spiritual light in this great church of ours.

We are ever grateful to the congregation for their loyal attendance and support to our church and its rector. With your continued help and prayers for guidance, we are confident that The Reverend Mr. Isacksen will lead us on to even greater heights.

John F. Bahm

United Thank Offering—Another chapter of our Church life is opening as we face the challenge of "Mutual Responsibility and Interdependence." Our Fall Presentation Service will be held at historic Christ Church, Second Street above Market, on November 18th at 8 P. M. The Rt. Rev. Cedric Earl Mills, Missionary Bishop of the Virgin Islands, will be the speaker. Please bring the enclosed blue envelope with you or mail it to me at the address above before that date. **Dinner** will be served at 6:30. Tickets should be purchased at the Women's Office at the Church House before November 13th. Please send a stamped addressed envelope. (\$1.75).

The Women of St. Luke and The Epiphany wish to thank the members of the congregation who so generously supported the card party and bazaar held on October 21st.

Our Anniversary Dinner is to be after the 11 A. M. service on Sunday, November 15th. Please get your reservations in by November 8th.

The Memorial Windows, here reproduced, will be the subjects of four of the November sermons by the Rector.



"LIGHT OF THE WORLD"

To the Glory of God and in memory of
Robert C. Churchman and his son Albert L. Churchman

BURIAL

"From strength to strength in the life of perfect service."

Martha S. Clark (Mrs.)—October 4, 1964

WEDDING

"Until death us do part."

Mary R. Kniley and William M. Atkinson—October 10, 1964

ORGANIZATIONS AND MEETING DATES

The Women of St. Luke and The Epiphany will meet on Tuesday, November 3rd, 1964 at 2 P. M. Miss Anna B. Hewitt, President.

The Red Cross Unit meets every Wednesday from 10.30 A. M. to 4 P. M. Miss Leonora Hewitt, Chairman.

The Altar Society meets the last Monday of March and October at 11 A. M. Mrs. Edward H. Ross, President, Mrs. John F. Bahm and Miss Betty Fish, Choir Mothers.

The Servers Guild for assisting the priest at the services, meets on call of the Warden. The Rector is the Chaplain and Mr. Rodney Sells the Warden.

ALTAR FLOWERS

For the month of November:

November 1st—All Saints' Day—

In Memory of Mr. and Mrs. W. Wiley.

In Memory of Major Henry E. Bonnin.

November 8th—In Memory of Michael de Luca.

In Memory of Mrs. Madeleine T. Spiess.

November 15th—In Memory of Mr. and Mrs. Will Cugley.

November 22nd—In Memory of Mr. William Warren-Webb.

November 26th—Thanksgiving Day—

In Memory of William J. Nagle.

November 29th—In Memory of Mr. and Mrs. Herman A. Steiger.

VESTRY

The Rev. Frederick R. Isacksen,	Charles F. Bonsor
Rector	Hamilton R. Disston
John F. Bahm, Rector's Warden	Robert L. Montgomery, Jr.
William A. Fish,	Ottomer E. Raezer, M.D.
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The Rev. Percy R. Stockman, D.D., Assistant to the Rector

Mrs. James W. MacGowen, Financial Secretary

Miss Isabel H. Johnson, Parish Secretary and Visitor

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"The priest of St. Luke's is at your command."

Shakespeare